

Line 8, delete "the present invention," and "(26)". ✓

Line 9, delete "(32)". ✓

Line 10, delete "(34, 36)". ✓

Line 11, delete "(26)". ✓

Line 12, delete "(14)" and "(12)". ✓

Line 13, delete "(32)". ✓

Delete line 15. ✓

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-6, without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims:

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7. (New) An electric motor comprising:
a housing having a bearing seat;
an armature shaft; and
an armature-shaft bearing situated in the bearing seat of the housing,
the armature-shaft bearing being retained axially in the bearing seat by one of a
detent and a snap-fit connection.

8. (New) The electric motor according to claim 7, wherein the housing further has a
spring tab with one of a detent and a snap projection at a free end.

9. (New) The electric motor according to claim 7, wherein the bearing is a plain
bearing.

10. (New) The electric motor according to claim 7, wherein the shaft has a worm and armature windings, the worm being produced by reforming, the bearing being situated on the shaft between the worm and the windings.

11. (New) The electric motor according to claim 7, wherein the housing further has a longitudinal-play stop at one end face of the shaft, the stop being produced by reforming the housing, the stop limiting an axial play of the shaft, the axial play being set to a predetermined value by the reforming of the housing.

12. (New) An electric motor comprising:

a housing having a bearing seat;

an armature shaft; and

an armature-shaft bearing situated in the bearing seat of the housing, the armature-shaft bearing being fixed in position in the bearing seat by a tamping.

13. (New) The electric motor according to claim 12, wherein the bearing is a plain bearing.

14. (New) The electric motor according to claim 12, wherein the shaft has a worm and armature windings, the worm being produced by reforming, the bearing being situated on the shaft between the worm and the windings.

15. (New) The electric motor according to claim 12, wherein the housing further has a longitudinal-play stop at one end face of the shaft, the stop being produced by reforming the housing, the stop limiting an axial play of the shaft, the axial play being set to a predetermined value by the reforming of the housing.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without prejudice, claims 1-6 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE00/00376, and adds new claims 7-15. The new claims conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and

do not add new matter to the application.

The amendments to the specification and abstract are to conform the specification and abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules, and do not introduce new matter into the application.

The underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE00/00376 includes an International Search Report, dated June 28, 2000, a copy of which is included. The Search Report includes a list of documents that were considered by the Examiner in the underlying PCT application.

Applicant asserts that the present invention is new, non-obvious, and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

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